

- (b) whether almost all the lands through which the road passes were freely surrendered;
- (c) whether the amount necessary was allotted by the Government on the recommendation by the Panchayat that year;
- (d) if so, will the Government be pleased to inform as to what is the delay in carrying out this proposal by the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) No.
- (b) No, but a portion of the land required has been surrendered.
- (c) No.
- (d) Please see answer to (c). The question is being enquired into.

TENDER DEDUCTIONS—PANCHAYAT WORKS— UTILISATION OF

29. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to inform this House.—

- (a) whether the Government allow the tender reductions of all the works undertaken by each Panchayat to be spent in that Panchayat itself;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to order that the tender reductions in each Panchayat could be utilised in that Panchayat itself?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) No.
- (b) No definite ruling can be made in this respect.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know how the funds from tender deductions are being utilised?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): When an allotment is given to a Panchayat for a work, it is not the money that is allotted but it is the work that is given. If the division is equal among all the Panchayats, then my friend's contention is quite sound. Certain Panchayats do not get anything at all. Therefore, it is ordered that whenever there is any reasonable tender deduction Government must be asked before money is spent, and where there is greater necessity, the money will be spent in those Panchayats.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that in making these deductions the Panchayats are also trying their best to get the maximum deductions? The Panchayats are also contributing their share to see that maximum deductions are got.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): All the better. That is very creditable to the Panchyats.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): When they exert so much to get the maximum.....

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): I do not follow the hon'ble member.

Mr. President : Because, they try to get the maximum, you must give them commission out of that (*Laughter*).

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): Will not that be proper encouragement to them?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): They are allowed a deviation up to 10 per cent of the estimated rates, and if they require more, in some cases even that is sanctioned. It is an irreligious principle to find that 10 or 12 Panchayats get all the roads and tanks while the rest do not get anything.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I take it that it is the policy of the Government not to allow these tender deductions to lapse at the end of the year?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): In fact we are doing our very best to see that no lapse is caused.

PARAPPUKKARA PANCHAYAT VAIDYASALA—SHIFTING OF

30. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House a copy of the Proceedings of the Registrar of Village Panchayats, D. 3203/1109, dated 15th Edavam 1109, regarding the Parappukkara Panchayat Vaidyasala;

(b) whether the Government have any idea to shift the Vaidyasala from the present locality at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development):

(a) A copy of the Proceedings is placed on the Council table.